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JOURNALING — REFLECTION, DREAMING, CONFESSION

- BY JIM MOY, ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

I started a journal on the very first day of my arrival here at the synod office. I kept one for four years as an undergraduate at Valparaiso University and I still remember why I did that. I was leaving home for the first time and I sensed that what I was about to experience was going to be very important, so I made an entry every day. I didn't want to forget those years. I kept a diary through my four and a half years in high school, too. Once in a while I'd leaf through their pages and laugh and chuckle at how I've changed through all the years. The joys, pain, and anger are all scribbled there. They remain my secret self.

Journaling gave me an opportunity to talk to myself, to record events I might otherwise forget. It's a discipline for reflection, dreaming, and confession. I don't think I was aware of journaling's potential when I began recording my thoughts and feelings. I did it simply because I needed to.

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In 1952 there was an entry where I talked about how much I had appreciated Lung Chin's work and I wrote about the need to tell him how much he meant to me. He was our church's basketball coach. So, I wrote many years later and my voice from the past stunned him. He did not know how much he had affected me! He was simply coaching a bunch of us boys, doing what he loved most, yet he managed to shape the lives of a whole generation of us at the True Light Lutheran Mission in Chinatown, New York. His was truly a ministry in daily life.

We're often surprised by the power of our influence on others without ever realizing how much we mean to other people. Journaling provided a way of looking at the past and seeing how God had shaped my life. We are delighted to be "home" and I look forward to new experiences and relationships in our journey together.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERIM PRESIDENT

PLTS NAMES WEST

The Rev. Robert A. West has been appointed interim president of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, effective September 1, 1996. He will serve following the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Schmalenberger until a new president is selected.

Pastor West recently retired from a 30-plus year ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado. West has a distinguished history of pastoral service and leadership in the ELCA and the former LCA, and has served on numerous boards and committees. He has been a member of the PLTS Board of Directors since 1988.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY OFFERING

THANKS FROM LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Rev. Richard Hays, Pastor/Developer of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Duvall, writes to say thank you and to express the church's deep appreciation to the Synod Council for designating their church to receive the Synod Assembly worship offering.

They plan to develop a preschool in the Duvall community with the gift.

"We see this as an opportunity to meet a concrete need within the community, share the good news of Christ, strengthen children and families, and further establish our presence in this community," writes Pastor Hays.

1996-97 SYNOD INTERNS

The Northwest Washington Synod welcomes ten interns to congregations this fall:

Julie Blum - Central Lutheran, Bellingham (Pr. Leonard Erickson)
Jonathan Pederson - Burlington Lutheran, Burlington (Pr. Richard Grinstad)
Maria Parfit - Camano Lutheran, Camano Island (Pr. Lowell Stordahl)
Catherine Card - Central Lutheran, Everett (Pr. Jeff Russell)
Trevor Bailey - Sno-King Cluster/Northlake Lutheran, Kenmore (Pr. W. Chris Boerger)
Pari Bailey - Maple Leaf Lutheran, Seattle (Pr. Jon Nelson)
Carol Christianson - Peace Lutheran, Seattle (Pr. Sheryl Biegert)
Desiree Schuetze - Immanuel Lutheran, Seattle (Pr. William Coffman)
Kathy Whitney - Prince of Peace, Seatac (Pr. Steve Grumm)
Peter Erickson - Bethlehem Lutheran, Sedro Woolley (Pr. Gene Bradbury)

TWO OPENINGS

SYNOD FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Synod Finance Committee has openings for two female members (1 lay, 1 clergy). Some business/management experience desired. The Committee meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at Prince of Peace, Shoreline. Contact Norman Swenson, 206/542-4681.

ASSISTANT TO BISHOP

HOFSTAD ACCEPTS SWWA SYNOD POSITION

The Rev. Robert Hofstad, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia, WA, has accepted the position as assistant to Bishop David Wold, Southwestern Washington Synod, effective September 1, 1996.

COLUMBIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

BOARD APPROVES MAJOR REMODEL

The Board of Directors of Columbia Lutheran Ministries has approved a $2.6 million proposal for major remodeling at Columbia Lutheran Home. Construction for the remodel, which will create certified sections of the Home for Medicare and Alzheimer's patients, will begin in 1997.

With this remodel, CLH is addressing a new medical care environment with its own plan of change and development. The CLH staff worked in teams for almost a year to create many of the ideas proposed in this project, which will convert the facility from a medical model to a social model, and will enhance the quality of life for residents, said Diana Baum, administrator.

SYNOD EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

SEND YOUR TEACHERS

EFFECTIVE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

A second training event for teachers is provided (in case you missed the one on August 10 at Phinney Ridge Lutheran) on Saturday, September 14 at Burlington Lutheran. Topics include curriculum/active learning, classroom management, Godly play, intergenerational learning events, music for the Sunday School, and the how-to's of teaching.

Do your congregation and your teachers a favor — make it possible for your teachers to get the help they need to be effective teachers of the Word.

Call Julie Gasparek, 206/486-6977 for more information.

MINISTRY, VOCATION, AND FAMILY

The *Ministry, Vocation, and Family* workshop for professional church workers is scheduled for October 28-30 at Gethsemane Lutheran, Seattle. The workshop is sponsored by Consultation to Clergy and the bishops of Region 1. It will be led by career counselor Larry Gaffin.

The cost of theworkshop covers pre-session testing materials, workshop tuition and materials, and an individual session with Gaffin. Funding assistance may be available through congregational sources, GEM program funds and the bishop's office.

For more information regarding fees and registration, contact Dr. Eldon Olson, 206/623-8193.

To allow time for pre-workshop testing and evaluation, registrations must be received by September 30.

ALBAN INSTITUTE SEMINAR

THE INVITING CHURCH WORKSHOP

Gethsemane Lutheran, Seattle, will host a two-day workshop for clergy and lay leaders. The workshop will be conducted by Alice Mann, Senior Consultant with the Alban Institute. The seminar will be October 11-12, 9 am - 4:30 pm each day.

The workshop, *The Inviting Church: Ministering to New Members*, is the result of a research project conducted by the Alban Institute. The study identifies six stages new members go through when moving from non-membership to full involvement. This seminar will introduce participants to the six stages and equip them to manage these transitions more effectively.

For more information, call the Continuing Education Department, The Alban Institute, Inc., 800/486-1318, ext 230 or 301/718-4407 ext 230.

GOOD NEWS EXPLORERS

TEACHER ASSISTANCE SEMINAR

Amy Plumb, Augsburg Fortress, will present a teacher assistance seminar designed to explore active learning, highlight the *Good News Explorers* curriculum, and strengthen teachers' use of *Good News Explorers.*

The seminar will be at Augsburg Fortress, 6601 220th St SW, Mountlake Terrace, 10-11:30 am **and** 7-8:30 pm on Thursday, September 5.

Call 206/778-1552 or 800/426-0115 ext 217 for additional information.

SEPTEMBER 15 REGISTRATION DEADLINE

RE-DEVELOPING CONGREGATIONS

Congregations that are serious about re-developing are invited to a Region 1 event, October 18-19, at Lutheran Bible Institute.

The seminar is developed by the ELCA Division for Outreach and the synod. Each congregation involved is invited to send the pastor, two adult lay leaders, and one youth leader to participate in this event.

Call Cathie Carlisle at 206/624-0093 regarding cost and registration for this seminar. Because there are pre-seminar assignments for the participants, the registration deadline is September 15.

HELP FOR HOSPITALITY

An interactive satellite teleconference to help communities strengthen hospitality toward new immigrants is set for September 24, 10 am, at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle.

Titled *Building Hospitable Community: Confronting Bias, Countering Xenophobia*, the two-hour teleconference will address tensions created by fear of the stranger and anti-immigrant bias, and lift up creative ways to build communities of hospitality. It is sponsored by the National Council of Churches' Ecumenical Networks and funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

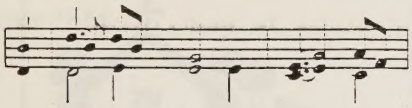
MORE SYNOD EVENTS\OPPORTUNITIES

TOM SINE TO PRESENT WORKSHOP

Tom Sine, Seattle author and Christian futurist, will present his *Millennium III Creativity Workshop: Shifting the Church into the Future Tense* on September 28, from 9 am to 3 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Everson, WA.

The scheduling of this workshop is the result of a recommendation by Immanuel's Vision Task Force on the topic of "discipleship."

Call the church office to register or for information, 360/592-5876. There will be a registration fee which will include a salad lunch.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Worship Days '96 is sponsored by the ELCA Division for Congregational Ministries and Publisher (Augsburg Fortress). This year's theme is ***Welcome to Worship.***

The event will be led by members of both the AF worship staff and the DCM worship staff. It is designed to help pastors, musicians, and other congregational leaders prepare lively and engaging worship around Word and Sacrament.

Included this year will be an introduction to the new ***Lutheran Resources for Worship Computer Series.*** The Region 1 event will be held on Sunday, November 3, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Olympia. More information will be coming to each congregation.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Contemporary music from traditional Celtic Christianity will be presented by the Puget Sound Chapter of the Lutheran Women's Caucus, Saturday, September 14 at 11:45 am at Central Lutheran Church, 1710 11th Ave E, Seattle (11th & E Olive).

Olive Spannaus, hymnwriter and member of the Caucus, will lead discussion on Celtic music, based on a recent hymnwriters' workshop she attended this summer.

The meeting begins with shared finger food. Please bring a cup or mug for beverages. This event is open to the public.

For information, call 206/747-5924.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Mark your calendars for Fall loading: **Friday - Nov. 1 (8 am - 4 pm), Saturday - Nov. 2 (8 am - noon) -**

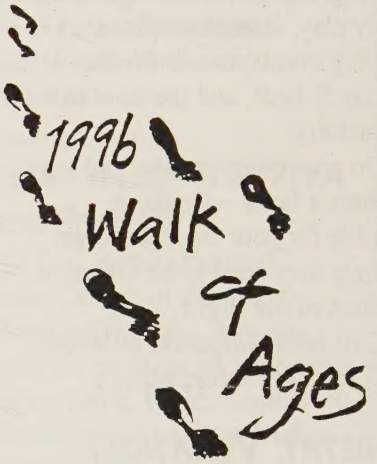
Gather: mens/children's clothing, light to medium weight (no gloves, shoes, hats, scarves). **Clothing must be in very good condition**. Health kits, quilts (60x80) & blankets, layettes, sewing kits, sweaters (any kind for anyone), fabric (woven cotton & blends, no knots, minimum 4 yards of 36" or 3 yards 45"), soap (homemade, new, used).

Seattle totals for May 1996: 59,943#: 9,120 quilts/179 blankets; 1,748 health kits; 1,465 layettes; 1,124 school kits; 473 sewing kits; 3,416# soap; 7,875 clothing; 3,179 sweaters.

(More totals next *SOUNDINGS)*

EVANGELISM EVENT

An ELCA-sponsored Lay Ministry Evangelism Conference will be held October 11-13 at Grace Lutheran, Des Moines. See article in ***RegiONEews*** insert for more information.



WALK OF AGES

Help Columbia Lutheran Home residents *Walk a Little Farther, Reach a Little Higher* — be part of the 1996 Walk of Ages on September 21! The fun starts at 9 am with a kickoff by *Grand Marshal J.P.Patches*. The easy 3-mile walk (less than an hour) ends with a finish line party featuring refreshments and music by *"Watch the Sky!"*, playing and singing Celtic Music with Spirit. A great event for church groups and families to do together — pets and strollers welcome! It's also a great way for the community to see that Lutherans are out there helping people in need. Proceeds will help purchase physical therapy equipment and patient lifts for the residents of CLH. Call 547-3514 for details.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

LBI FALL COURSES ON ETHNIC OUTREACH

Professor Peter Lai, of Lutheran Bible Institute, will teach two courses Fall Quarter which will address ethnic outreach in our synod:

An evening course entitled, ***Asian Culture and Evangelism*** - a 20-hour course, one night a week for 10 weeks will be an introductory course on contextualizing the gospel among Asians.

The Church in the Changing Community will be offered 3 hours per day for 10 days.

The target group for these classes, in addition to LBI students, will be pastors and lay persons who find themselves in multi-cultural neighborhoods.

Contact Pat Lelvis or Peter Lai for more information regarding these courses, 206/392-0400.

PARISH NURSING

Two parish nursing preparation opportunities are offered in the Puget Sound area this fall:

Introduction to Parish Nursing, September 22-23 ***and*** November 18-19 sponsored by PLU's Continued Nursing Learning Program examines the components necessary for developing an effective parish nursing practice. It is designed to provide experienced RNs with an overview of practice issues and approaches individuals and groups within a faith community.

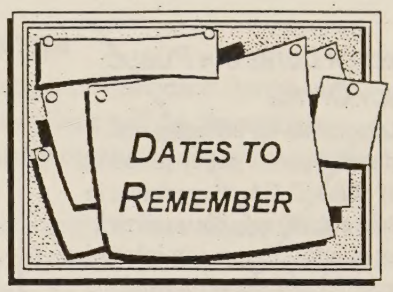
Strategies for health management and promotion of wellness emphasize the interrelationship of spiritual, emotional, and physical health.

Contact PLU, Center for Continued Nursing Learning, 206/535-7683, FAX 206-535-7590 for informational brochure.

Parish Nurse Preparation, sponsored by Puget Sound Parish Nurse Ministries, is a ten-week course for RNs who are interested in integrating the spiritual dimension into planning and implementing health and wholeness within their congregation. Class meets 3 hours weekly (Wednesdays) in Seattle, provides on-site experiences with a Parish Nurse, and includes a weekend retreat.

Class begins September 11; 48.6 CEUs are available, or 3 college credits from PLU.

Contact Carol Story, 206/339-8034.



- **October 14-16** - ***Bishops' Convocation,*** Kennewick, WA. Call Synod Office, 206.783-9292, if you need more information.
- **October 20-21** - ***Ventures in Vocation*** - national conference at Luther Seminary to explore vocation and call to pastoral ministry. Call 612/641-3435.
- **November 1** - ***Lutheran/ Episcopal All Saints Event.*** Location to be announced.
- **November 3-4** - ***Called to Do What?*** - an invitation to explore your call to leadership in ministry, Wartburg Seminary. Call 800/635-1116 ext. 725 for information.
- **November 10** - 5 pm - ***Potluck & Bishop's Healing Service*** at St. Matthew's Edmonds.
- **January 23, 1997** - ***Bishop's Convocation***, Glendale, Seattle.
- **January 27-29** - ***Byberg Workshop Retreat.***
- **April 7-10, 1997** - ***Region 1 Pastoral Conference***, Victoria, BC.
- **June 20-21, 1997** - ***Synod Assembly*** - Trinity, Lynnwood.

APPLICATIONS CLOSED
AS OF PRESS TIME

WANT ADS

DIRECTOR LUTHERAN PUBLIC POLICY OFFICE

Responsible for initiating and coordinating public policy issues on behalf of the ELCA. Experience in legislative advocacy, outreach to churches, and program administration are required. Strong verbal and written communication skills and the ability to motivate others are desired. Letter and resume to LPPO Search, Lutheran Social Services of WA/ID, 4040 S. 188th, Seattle WA 98188. EOE.

RECEPTIONIST

The Seattle Agency Office of Lutheran Brotherhood is looking for a part-time receptionist to join their team of professionals.

Qualifications: good phone technique, good organizational skills, able to work comfortably and efficiently with multiple tasks, basic computer skills/knowledge and typing skills desirable,able to work well both independently and in a team.

Starting salary commensurate with experience.

Send resume and cover letter to: Human Resources, Lutheran Brotherhood Seattle Agency, 9709 Third Ave NE, Suite 302, Seattle WA 98115. Phone,206/523-0009. Fax 206/525-1192.

POSITION SOUGHT

Heather King, a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York, is in the Seattle area for one year, and is looking for work in the area of Christian Education, youth work, children's music. Contact her at 206/633-3529.

INTERIM MUSIC PERSONNEL

First Lutheran of Richmond Beach, Seattle, is seeking interim music personnel (at least two people) to cover several areas of music leadership needs. These include: organist, keyboard, senior choir, youth choir, and youth band. Positions begin October 1st, if possible. The interim could lead to regular contracted position. Time and salaries negotiable. Please apply to First Lutheran Richmond Beach, 18354 8th Ave NE, Shoreline WA, 98177, Attn: Music Search Committee. Phone: 206/546-4153; FAX number, 206/546-6741.

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Holy Cross Lutheran of Bellevue is seeking a Choir Director for the 11 am service during the 1996-97 season (late August to mid-June).

Contact the church office for more information, 206/746-4848, or send your resume to Randall Grauer, Pastor, 4315 129th Pl. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006-2047.

CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST

Bethlehem Lutheran, 3818 S. Angeline, Seattle, WA 98118, seeks to fill a combined position of Choir Director/Organist OR Choir Director. Contact the church office, 206/722-5651 for position details.

ORGANIST

Oak Harbor Lutheran has an opening for an organist. Two Sunday services, plus seasonal services and occasional weddings and funerals. 9-rank Balcom and Vaughn pipe organ. For more information, please call Oak Harbor Lutheran Church at 360/679-1561.

ORGAN AVAILABLE

Rick Milsow, *The Hearthstone*, has a 25-year-old Conn organ available to a church that might need it. Call 525-9666 for more information.

MILITARY CHAPLAINCY POSITIONS

The Army, Navy and Air Force currently have openings for chaplains.

The military services are *very eager* to fill these positions as soon as possible. If left unfilled, the positions could be lost. They are especially looking for Lutheran (liturgical) clergypersons.

Please call the Office for Federal Chaplaincies for additional information and specific requirements.

Phone - 202/783-7503;
Fax - 202/543-0786;
E-Mail - FEDCHAP.
PARTI@ECUNET.ORG.

ORGAN AVAILABLE

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seattle has a 30-40 year old Hammond B3 organ available. It works, but has been sitting unused for 10 years. Best offer! Contact Joan Lundquist at 778-5663 for more information.

ORGAN FOR SALE

Conn electric organ super, classic Model 821, 2-manual AGO pedalboard with combination action. Beautiful walnut console, 4 large speaker cabinets, 130' power and sound cables. Completely reconditioned. Looks and sounds like new. For church, chapel, home or school. Contact John Mark, 206/523-4410, for additional information.

MISCELLANEOUS

AUGSBURG FORTRESS CHANGES 800 NUMBER

Apparently one of the least appreciated aspects of current telephone technology is "Press 1 for this," "Press 2 for that,", etc. That "menu" process is what you have encountered when you called Augsburg Fortress Press. AFP has reduce the number of times that menu is encountered within their system by changing/adding 800-numbers that will go "directly to a specific group."

The new numbers are:

- **800-328-4648**, their previous overall 800 number, is now the 800 number for customer service and product orders. This remains the 800 number which most people will use.
- **800-426-0115** is the new 800 number for subscriptions: The Lutheran, Lutheran Women Today, MOSAIC, etc. This is also the number to call individual A/F staff members and the operator.
- **800-421-0239** is the new 800 number for permissions and copyrights.
- **800-722-7766** is the new 800 telefax number for faxing orders and correspondence.
- **800-237-0073** is the new 800 number for music special orders.
- **800-348-5887** is the new number for ecclesiastical arts custom orders.

Since AFP is on LutherLink, a reminder that you can place orders by using the write-only meeting, AFP BOOKSTORE. If you've not ordered this way before, request note 0 for complete ordering instructions.

CONTRIBUTIONS CRITICAL

RESPONSE TO HURRICANE BERTHA

The ELCA will make a response to victims of Hurricane Bertha as it has to 19 other U.S. disasters this year. Assistance will be channelled through appropriate Lutheran Social Ministry organizations in the various U.S. states and territories affected.

Our ability to respond will depend upon contributions. Since ELCA Domestic Disaster Response funds are largely committed or depleted, your gift will be much needed. Contributions may be made through your congregation, or send to:

ELCA Domestic Disaster Response
PO Box 711764
Chicago, IL 60694-1764

You may note *Hurricane Victims* on the memo line.

FREE LUTHERLINK HOOK UP!

There are 24 LutherLink coupons available to cover the cost of the initial fee for getting congregations on line. These coupons are available to all congregations within Alaska, Northwest Washington, Oregon, Eastern Washington-Idaho.

Contact Janet Nelson or Ron Coen at the regional office, 206\623-0093. The coupons need to be used by the end of September.

BABY BOOMERS

If you think this is for you, it is! You're invited to join the following activities:

Wednesday, Sept. 11 - 7 pm - Bible study on the *Myths of Being a Christian.* Mt Zion Lutheran, 21428 44th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace (exit 181 on I-5).

Saturday, Sept. 28 - 7 pm - Fall Rally - outdoor games, song fest and planning meeting. Finger food potluck.

Call 774-9030 after 5 pm for more details.

UPDATES ON HURRICANE BERTHA DAMAGE:

- Destruction in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, is worse than was originally feared. Many homes not yet repaired from Hurricane Marilyn last September — 260 more homes suffered major damage — plus 60 homes completely destroyed.
- A pole fell through roof over office of Reformation Church — the tarp covering offices at Frederick Church was ripped off and destroyed; the home suffered additional water damage.
- Temporary housing used by Lutheran Disaster Response for volunteer quarters was destroyed.
- Reformation Church faces additional $9,500 expense to replace roof — congregation is worshiping under a canopy.
- East Coast was fortunate — Hurricane B. struck less populated areas and large numbers of people has been evacuated.

Final word: Reformation Church, St. Thomas, sent a check for $644 to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response for victims in the continental U.S., even though they are still suffering from last year's hurricane.

YOUTH NEWS

QUILT-SIDE: A LUTHERAN YOUTH EVENT

On Columbus Day Weekend, the Names Project will unfold the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt with the help of 12,000 volunteers in Washington D.C. *Quilt-Side* is a Lutheran youth event for young people from around the United States, gathering to remember those whose lives were taken by AIDS and to consider the consequences of this disease for all. It is sponsored by the Lutheran AIDS Quilt Committee. Leadership for the event comes from around the country.

Youth from congregations throughout the U.S. will converge on Washington DC to take part in the activities — worshiping together, introducing the Quilt, joining talk-rooms where youth can hear and engage the stories of those either living with AIDS or caring for people living with the disease.

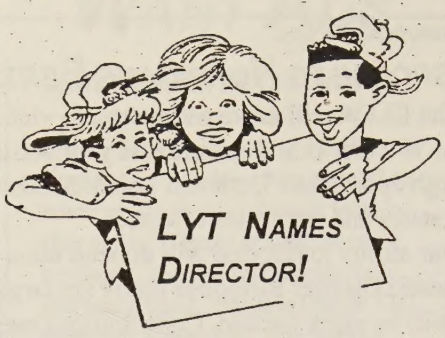
Contact Rev. Kimberli Lile, 703/968-3346 for more information and information materials.

LUTHERAN COLLEGE NIGHTS

Lutheran College Night is Monday, October 14, 7 - 9 pm, at the Seattle Mariott Hotel, I-5, Exit 152, West on South 188th to International Blvd.

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend this event. Lutheran college admissions representatives will be present to discuss all aspects of planning for college.

This program is sponsored by colleges and universities of the ELCA and the LC-MS.



- by Carolyn Baker, President, LYT

Helen McBride has accepted the position of Youth Director of Lutheran Youth Together, a non-profit cooperative youth ministry supported by six Lutheran congregations in the Seattle area (Crown, Denny Park, Luther Memorial, Magnolia, St. John and St. Paul).

Helen, an associate in ministry, is known throughout the community for her strong commitment to youth. She brings to this position a strong theological background, as well as program experience in a number of churches and agencies.

The LYT office is located in St. John Lutheran, 5515 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, 98103. Helen can be reached there afternoons at 206/789-2035.

May God bless this ministry!

Please join Lutheran Youth Together as we gather to celebrate the installation of

Helen McBride

as Youth Director
Sunday, September 29, 1996, at 3 pm
St. John Lutheran Church
5515 Phinney Avenue North
Seattle, Washington

Reception in the Rose Garden
Woodland Park Zoo

RESOURCES

WITH ONE VOICE

With One Voice is the recommended supplement for the LBW in the ELCA. Over half a million copies have now found their way into pew racks. Here are a few creative ways to finance this purchase:

- Congregational Appeal - the most common way of funding.
- Purchase the books first for the choir to introduce the music using Memorial funds or choir budget.
- Suggest as a memorial gift.
- Use undesignated memorial funds of monies leftover from other accounts.
- A one-time budget item anticipated for a coming year and approved in annual budget.
- Special fund-raising event - request matching funds?

ICON PAINTING CLASS

A beginning class in Icon Painting will be held at Glendale Lutheran Church, 13455 2nd Ave SW, Seattle WA 98146. The class will run for two days and is designed for people with no painting background to the accomplished artist. Dates are September 17-18. The classes will run from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Acrylics will be used and all necessary materials will be provided. Teacher is Pam Foster. Please call 206/244-9400 for information.